

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress urges the people of the United States to commemorate September 4, 1982, the one hundredth anniversary of Thomas Edison's Pearl Street central power station, as "Pearl Street Centennial Day".

Agreed to September 30, 1982.

BAHÀ'I COMMUNITY IN IRAN—PERSECUTION OF MEMBERS

Sept. 30, 1982

[S. Con. Res. 73]

Whereas the Bahà'i community in Iran is experiencing persecution, harassment and disappearances of family members, job discrimination, seizure of bank funds, destruction of personal property, and torture;

Whereas current reports shows at least one hundred and thirteen executions of Bahà'is and Bahà'i religious leaders by the Government of Iran; and

Whereas the continued harassment and murder of Bahà'is demonstrates that the Government of Iran has launched a conscious effort to destroy the Bahà'i community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress of the United States condemns persecution of the Bahà'is, holds the Government of Iran responsible for upholding the rights of all its citizens, including the Bahà'is, and expresses the hope that the discrimination and brutal executions within the Bahà'i community cease immediately. The Congress urges the Iranian Government to take whatever means are necessary to end this extermination of law abiding citizens who only wish to worship in freedom.

Agreed to September 30, 1982.

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX AND CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN U.S.S.R.—RELIGIOUS REPRESSION

Sept. 30, 1982

[S. Con. Res. 18]

Whereas the Charter of the United Nations, as well as its Declaration of Human Rights, sets forth the objective of international cooperation "in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion . . ."; and

Whereas in the so-called Brezhnev Constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, article 52 unequivocally provides that "Freedom of conscience, that is, the right to profess any religion and perform religious rites or not profess any religion . . . shall be recognized for all citizens of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Incitement of hostility and hatred on religious grounds shall be prohibited"; and

Whereas not just religious or civil repression but the attempted genocide—the absolute physical extermination—of both the Ukrainian Orthodox and Catholic Churches, and all other truly independent religions, in a nation of forty-five million persons brutally violates the basic civilized rights enunciated above: Now, therefore, be it